

# Lesson 38

## Definitions



1.	<b>abrogate</b>	AB ruh gayt	to abolish, to do away with
	Synonyms >>	annul, invalidate, negate, nullify	Antonym >> to establish
	The king abrogated the law passed by the parliament.		
	Derivatives >>	abrogable, abrogation, abrogative, abrogator, abrogated, abrogating	
2.	<b>adamant</b>	AD uh munt	inflexible, immovable, obstinate
	Synonyms >>	inexorable, obdurate	Antonym >> pliant
	The man was adamant in his decision to seek a political office.		
	Derivatives >>	adamantine, adamantive, adamancy, adamantly	
3.	<b>barbarism</b>	BAR buh riz um	the incorrect usage of words or forms of language
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> acceptable diction
	The English teacher cringed at the gross barbarism in the paper.		
	Derivatives >>	barbarous, barbarously, barbarousness	
4.	<b>colloquial</b>	kuh LOW kwee ul	informal (speech)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> formal
	Term papers are not to contain colloquial expressions.		
	Derivatives >>	colloquially, colloquy	
5.	<b>compatriot</b>	kum PAY tree ut	a fellow countryman
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> traitor
	The Lewis and Clark expedition was a journey of two compatriots exploring the unknown regions.		
	Derivatives >>	compatriotism	
6.	<b>defuse</b>	dee FYOOZ	to remove or to lessen danger or hostility
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to intensify, to escalate
	The crisis was defused when the army pulled back.		
	Derivatives >>	defused, defusing	
7.	<b>effrontery</b>	eh FRUN tuh ree	extreme boldness, audacity
	Synonyms >>	cheek, chutzpah, gall, hardihood, nerve, temerity	Antonym >> diffidence
	I can't believe you had the effrontery to say such a rude thing to your parents.		
	Derivatives >>	effronteries	
8.	<b>egregious</b>	eh GREE jus	very bad, shocking, conspicuously bad
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> good
	Skipping class is an egregious error.		
	Derivatives >>	egregiously, egregiousness	
9.	<b>gambol</b>	GAM bul	to playfully skip or leap
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to trudge
	The young child laughed with glee as he began to gambol around the room.		
	Derivatives >>	gamboled, gamboling	
10.	<b>hemophilia</b>	hee muh FIL ee uh	a hereditary disease where blood does not coagulate to stop bleeding
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	Getting a slight cut is dangerous for him because of his hemophilia; a small cut can cause him to bleed to death.		
	Derivatives >>	hemophile, hemophiliac, hemophilic, hemophiloid	
11.	<b>immunity</b>	eh MYOO neh tee	resistance (usually to a disease)
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> lack of resistance
	One's immunity to disease is lowered when one is fatigued.		
	Derivatives >>	immunities, immunist, immune, immuned, immunization, immunize, immunizing	

12.	<b>impale</b>	im PALE	to pierce, to fix on a pointed instrument	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	Shish kebab can be prepared by impaling meat and vegetables on a skewer.			
	Derivatives >>	impaled, impalement		
13.	<b>knotty</b>	NOT ee	so complicated that it can probably not be solved; full of knots	
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, complex, intricate, recondite		Antonym >> easy to solve; uncomplicated
	A contest's knotty problems leave contestants disheartened. The knotty trees added an eerie feeling to the night.			
	Derivatives >>	knotted, knoter, knottily		
14.	<b>libertarian</b>	lib ur TAR ee un	one who favors absolute liberty and free will	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	Libertarians want less governmental control over their lives.			
	Derivatives >>	libertarianism		
15.	<b>mired</b>	MYRD	stuck or entangled	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	unhampered
	Teachers seem to be mired with excessive paperwork.			
	Derivatives >>	mire		
16.	<b>noxious</b>	NOK shus	harmful, unwholesome	
	Synonyms >>	baneful, deleterious, detrimental, pernicious		Antonym >> harmless; wholesome
	Is that noxious odor coming from that noisome outhouse?			
	Derivatives >>	noxiously, noxiousness		
17.	<b>palatable</b>	PAL uh tuh bul	agreeable to the taste, acceptable	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	distasteful
	I have never found it very palatable that girls in school can wear miniskirts but not shorts.			
	Derivatives >>	palatableness, palatability, palatably		
18.	<b>palliate</b>	PAL ee ate	to ease pain, guilt or intensity	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to intensify
	The doctor attempted to palliate the patient's suffering by prescribing drugs.			
	Derivatives >>	palliated, palliating, palliation, palliative, palliator, palliatory		
19.	<b>pallor</b>	PAL ur	extreme paleness usually relating to the face	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	ruddy color
	The strange disease left the man with a sickly pallor.			
	Derivatives >>	pallors		
20.	<b>pernicious</b>	pur NISH us	very destructive or harmful, deadly	
	Synonyms >>	baneful, deleterious, detrimental, noxious		Antonym >> harmless, benign
	Shooting heroin is a pernicious habit.			
	Derivatives >>	perniciously, perniciousness		
21.	<b>skulk</b>	SKULK	to move in a sneaky, furtive, or stealthy manner	
	Synonyms >>	lurk, slink, sneak		Antonym >> to be open; to lack secrecy
	The burglar skulked about on the balcony.			
	Derivatives >>	skulker, skulked, skulking, skulks		
22.	<b>tarry</b>	TARE ee	to delay in coming or going, to linger	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to depart promptly
	Please do not tarry; I want you to be here on time.			
	Derivatives >>	tarriness, tarried, tarries		
23.	<b>tawdry</b>	TAH DREE	cheap and gaudy in appearance	
	Synonyms >>	garish, meretricious		Antonym >> refined
	It was in bad taste to wear such tawdry jewelry to the funeral.			
	Derivatives >>	tawdriness, tawdrily		
24.	<b>temerity</b>	tuh MER uh tee	boldness that is foolhardy	
	Synonyms >>	audacity, cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, hardihood, nerve		Antonym >> reserve
	I can't believe that he has the temerity to talk back to his commanding officer.			
	Derivatives >>	temerariousness, temerarious, temerariouly		
25.	<b>utopian</b>	yoo TOE pee un	having the characteristics of an ideally perfect place	
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	
	Dorothy thought that Oz was a utopian place until she found out that the Wizard was a fake.			
	Derivatives >>	utopianism, utopianist, utopianize, utopia		